

HOUSE FILE _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act amending the definition of small city for purposes of
2 eligibility under the workforce housing tax incentives
3 program, including effective date and applicability
4 provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 15.352, subsection 10, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 10. "*Small city*" means any city or township located in this
4 state, except those located wholly within one or more of the
5 eleven most populous counties in the state, as determined by
6 the most recent federal decennial census. ~~For the purposes of~~
7 ~~this part, a small city that is located in more than one county~~
8 ~~shall be considered to be located in the county having the~~
9 ~~greatest taxable base within the small city.~~

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
11 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

12 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to housing projects
13 registered by the authority under the workforce housing tax
14 incentives program on or after the effective date of this Act.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 The workforce housing tax incentive program (program)
19 administered by the Iowa economic development authority
20 (authority) provides various tax incentives to taxpayers who
21 complete certain housing projects in Iowa. The total tax
22 incentives issued per fiscal year cannot exceed \$20 million,
23 and \$5 million of that total cap must be reserved for tax
24 incentives issued to housing projects located in small cities.
25 Under current law, the definition of "small city" includes
26 any city or township not located within the 11 most populous
27 counties in the state. When a city is located in more than one
28 county, it is considered to be located in the county having the
29 greatest taxable base within the city.

30 The bill amends the definition of "small city" for purposes
31 of the program to be any city or township not located wholly
32 within one or more of the 11 most populous counties in the
33 state. In other words, any city or township located in whole
34 or in part in one of the 88 least populated counties in Iowa
35 will qualify as a small city under the program.

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1 The bill takes effect upon enactment, and applies to housing
2 projects registered by the authority under the program on or
3 after that date.